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Proposed Class:

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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Mark W. Perlin

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"(a) A patent is applied for in the name or names of the actual inventor or inventors.

"(1) The inventorship of a nonprovisional application is that inventorship set forth in the oath or declaration as prescribed by § 1.63, except as provided for in § 1.53(d)(4) and § 1.63(d). If an oath or declaration as prescribed by § 1.63 is not filed during the pendency of a nonprovisional application, the inventorship is that inventorship set forth in the application papers filed pursuant to § 1.53(b), unless a petition under this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(i)

is filed supplying or changing the name or names of the inventor or inventors." METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCING

For (title):

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10*

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I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date. May 4; 2001 in an envelope deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date May 4; as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," mailing Label Number <u>EL707030641US</u> dressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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1. Type of Application

This new application is for a(n)

(check one applicable item below)

2	X)	Original (nonprovisional)
		Design
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WARN	ING:	Do not use this transmittal for a completion in the U.S. of an International Application under 35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4), unless the International Application is being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application.
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NOTE:	TF	one of the following 3 items apply, then complete and attach ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION NANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED and a NOTIFICATION PARENT APPLICATION OF THE FILING OF THIS CONTINUATION APPLICATION.
		Divisional.
		Continuation.
		Continuation-in-part (C-I-P).

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121)

NOTE: A nonprovisional application may claim an invention disclosed in one or more prior filed copending nonprovisional applications or copending international applications designating the United States of America. In order for a nonprovisional application to claim the benefit of a prior filed copending nonprovisional application or copending international application designating the United States of America, each prior application must name as an inventor at least one inventor named in the later filed nonprovisional application and disclose the named inventor's invention claimed in at least one claim of the later filed nonprovisional application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Each prior application must also be:

- (i) An international application entitled to a filing date in accordance with PCT Article 11 and designating the United States of America; or
 - (ii) Complete as set forth in § 1.51(b); or
- (iii) Entitled to a filing date as set forth in § 1.53(b) or § 1.53(d) and include the basic filing fee set forth in § 1.16; or
- (iv) Entitled to a filing date as set forth in § 1.53(b) and have paid therein the processing and retention fee set forth in § 1.21(l) within the time period set forth in § 1.53(f).

37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(1).

NOTE: If the new application being transmitted is a divisional, continuation or a continuation-in-part of a parent case, or where the parent case is an International Application which designated the U.S., or benefit of a prior provisional application is claimed, then check the following item and complete and attach ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.

WARNING: If an application claims the benefit of the filing date of an earlier filed application under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120, 121 or 365(c), the 20-year term of that application will be based upon the filing date of the earliest U.S. application that the application makes reference to under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120, 121 or 365(c). (35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2) does not take into account, for the determination of the patent term, any application on which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119, 365(a) or 365(b).) For a c-i-p application, applicant should review whether any claim in the patent that will issue is supported by an earlier application and, if not, the applicant should consider canceling the reference to the earlier filed application. The term of a patent is not based on a claim-by-claim approach. See Notice of April 14, 1995, 60 Fed. Reg. 20,195, at 20,205.

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WARNING	When the last day of pendency of a provisional application falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, any nonprovisional application claiming benefit of the provisional application must be filed prior to the Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3).
	The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application(s). Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.
3. Pape	rs Enclosed
	quired for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 sign) Application
<u>56</u> p	ages of specification
3_ P	ages of claims
<u>6</u> s	heets of drawing
WARNING	DO NOT submit original drawings. A high quality copy of the drawings should be supplied when filing a patent application. The drawings that are submitted to the Office must be on strong, white, smooth, and non-shiny paper and meet the standards according to § 1.84. If corrections to the drawings are necessary, they should be made to the original drawing and a high-quality copy of the corrected original drawing then submitted to the Office. Only one copy is required or desired. For comments on proposed then-new 37 C.F.R. § 1.84, see Notice of March 9, 1988 (1990 O.G. 57-62).
ir. tř o.	dentifying indicia, if provided, should include the application number or the title of the invention, inventor's name, docket number (if any), and the name and telephone number of a person to call if the Office is unable to match the drawings to the proper application. This information should be placed in the back of each sheet of drawing a minimum distance of 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch) down from the top if the page " 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c)).
	(complete the following, if applicable)
	The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a "PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)." 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(b).
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B. Oth	er Papers Enclosed
	ages of declaration and power of attorney
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4. Additi	ional papers enclosed
	Amendment to claims
	☐ Cancel in this applications claims before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
	Add the claims shown on the attached amendment. (Claims added have been numbered consecutively following the highest numbered original claims.)
	Preliminary Amendment
	Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)
	Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
	Citations
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	pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.					
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NOTE:	A declaration filed to complete an application must be executed, identify the specification to which it is directed, identify each inventor by full name including family name and at least one given name, without abbreviation together with any other given name or initial, and the residence, post office address and country or citizenship of each inventor, and state whether the inventor is a sole or joint inventor. 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(a)(1)–(4).					
NOTE:	The inventorship of a nonprovisional application is that inventorship set forth in the oath or declaration as prescribed by § 1.62, except as provided for in § 1.53(d)(4) and § 1.63(d). If an oath or declaration as prescribed by § 1.63 is not filed during the pendency of a nonprovisional application, the inventorship is that inventorship set forth in the application papers filed pursuant to § 1.53(b), unless a petition under this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(i) is filed supplying or changing the name or names of the inventor or inventors." 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(a)(1).					
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			legal representative of inventor(s). 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.42 or 1.43.			
interest on behalf of inventor who reached.			joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached.			
			☐ This is the petition required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 and the statement required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 is also attached. See item 13 below for fee.			
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NOTE	<u>:</u> :	the U.S	the filing is a completion in the U.S. of an International Application or where the completion of application contains subject matter in addition to the International Application, the application treated as a continuation or continuation-in-part, as the case may be, utilizing ADDED PAGE TWANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED.			
			Application is made by a person authorized under 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c) on behalf of all the above named inventor(s).			
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(The declaration or oath, along with the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) can be filed subsequently).
☐ Showing that the filing is authorized. (not required unless called into question. 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(d))
6. Inventorship Statement
WARNING: If the named inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.
The inventorship for all the claims in this application are:
☐ The same.
or
 Not the same. An explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made,
☐ is submitted.
☐ will be submitted.
7. Language
NOTE: An application including a signed oath or declaration may be filed in a language other than English. An English translation of the non-English language application and the processing fee of \$130.00 required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(k) is required to be filed with the application, or within such time as may be set by the Office. 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).
☑ English
☐ Non-English
☐ The attached translation includes a statement that the translation is accurate. 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).
3. Assignment
☐ An assignment of the invention to
□ is attached. A separate □ "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCU-MENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" or □ FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.
will follow.
NOTE: "If an assignment is submitted with a new application, send two separate letters-one for the application and one for the assignment." Notice of May 4, 1990 (1114 O.G. 77-78).
WARNING: A newly executed "CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)" must be filed when a continuation-

in-part application is filed by an assignee. Notice of April 30, 1993, 1150 O.G. 62-64.

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Certified copy(ies) of application(s)

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	(co	mplete the following,	if applicable)
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12. Requ	uest for Internatio	nal-Type Search (37	C.F.R. § 1.104(d))
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3. Fee	Paym	ent Being Made at This Time				
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		Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.47 and 1.17(i))		\$ _		
		For processing an application with a specification in a non-English language (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.52(d) and 1.17(k))		\$ -		_
		Processing and retention fee (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.53(d) and 1.21(l))		\$ -		
		Fee for international-type search report (\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(e))		\$.		
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15. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees WARNING: If no fees are to be paid on filing, the following items should not be completed. WARNING: Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges, if extra claim charges are authorized. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 19-0737 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees) \square 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims) NOTE: Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims cancelled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application) 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a)). 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees) NOTE: ". . . A written request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to charge all required fees, fees under § 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a

constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in § 1.17(a) will also be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission." 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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37 C.F.R. § 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b))

NOTE: Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b).

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying, . . . the issue fee. . . " From the wording of 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b), (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.

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16. Instructions as to Overpayment

NOTE: ". . . Amounts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested within a reasonable time, nor will the payer be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars may be returned by check or, if requested, by credit to a deposit account." 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a).

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		Plus added pages deleting names of inventor(s) named in prior application(s) who is/are no longer inventor(s) of the subject matter claimed in this application.
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